

I am writing to express my opposition to Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. Actions like these are clear examples of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. One-sided programs, like "Stolen Honor", do not serve the public interest and are harmful to our democracy. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy—real news about real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.